

The Service for the Lord's Day

September 25, 2022 | 8:45 am

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *An Upland Spiritual* | arr. Patrick Lee

INTROIT *Far Too Wonderful (Psalm 139)*
Carter & Bernard, arr. Erik Foster

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

To know the warmth of love,
To have the assurance that someone cares,
To be confident of our worth,
To be bold to love in return,
To be washed over with grace,
To be accepted as we are:
This is to know a bit of God.
Then let us worship our God.

***HYMN 401** *Here in This Place* | GATHER US IN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we recognize that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. So why do we treat life as though you are frugal with us? Why do we believe we must hoard our blessings? It is our sin that makes us live as though we don't trust your goodness. So forgive us, we pray. Teach us again what it is to rely upon you. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace and goodwill, that our hearts might overflow from the fullness of your love and into the world around us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We Belong to One Another
**We belong to one another,
to each other we are bound.**

As we build a world together,
full of joy that we have found.
Jesus Christ leads as our Shepherd,
when we are needed we respond.
We belong to one another
and we hold a common bond.

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *O God, You Search Me* | Bernadette Farrell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT Psalm 139:1-14

SERMON *The Mobius of Belonging*
The Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from the Confession of 1967*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

***HYMN 28** *You Are Before Me, Lord* | SURSUM CORDA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Absolution* | Patrick Lee

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FROM WORSHIP TO SERVICE

***HYMN** *God Be With You* | GOD BE WITH YOU

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Forgiveness* | Rachika Nayar

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper, Lead Presbyter, Denver Presbytery
The Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Associate Pastor
Kiersten Hill, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
Allison McQueen, Director of Children's Ministries
Christine Gaudreau, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Wil Smith, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Patrick Lee, Principal Pianist and Accompanist
Confluence: William Perkins, Daniel Rosen and Paul Day-Lucore
Sara Michael, Delci Lutes, Adam Kinney and Karl Allen, soloists
Steve Cearley & Emily Farina, Production

Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Joe Fountain in memory of his wife Berniece Fountain.

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Give Online



* Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold Print** indicates congregational participation.

Welcome visitors!

Thank you for coming to Wellshire this morning! We are glad you're here:

Join us after worship for a cup of coffee at the Welcome table in the Narthex, right outside the Sanctuary.

Childcare is located on the lower level of the building. Don't hesitate to ask for directions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two New Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Apocrypha: 1 Maccabees – Clif Carey leads the Clif's Notes class exploring a portion of the Apocrypha (books of the Bible that are not included in the protestant canon, but are included in other Christian traditions) throughout the autumn. Join us in room 206.

Practice Joy – join Rev. Julia Fenn in room 208 for a four week look at Joy: the ways we experience it, express it, and make a choice to practice it in our lives as an act of faith and hope.

Centus Annual Luncheon

Centus Counseling's annual fundraising luncheon is Thursday, September 29 at 11:30 at the PPA Event Center, with keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Valerie Jackson. RSVP now at www.centus.org/the-20th-annual-centus-luncheon. There will be a Wellshire table!

Beginning October 2

We Make the Road by Walking – join Beverly Granath in room 207 as we embark on a quest for spiritual formation and reorientation. Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking* will be a guide through scripture as we seek a fresh way to experience and practice our faith.

Membership Exploration Class

Membership at Wellshire is open to ALL who affirm faith in Jesus Christ! Join the pastors for lunch and an informal information session and get-to-know-you. Sunday, October 9 at 12:00. Those interested in this formal commitment to faith in community would join in worship on Sunday, October 16. Contact krobbdavis@wpcdenver.org

Refugee Support

Wellshire is helping welcome two refugee families from Afghanistan. As members of their family supported American military forces in the war, their lives were in danger after the Taliban took over the country, and now here under the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program. Lutheran Family Services has asked the Wellshire community to help get them settled. If you are interested in assisting with tasks that are routine to you and me - getting a driver's license, touring apartments for rent, working with utilities - please contact Mike Smith (michaelchallengersmith@gmail.com)

We are looking for all great voices to join our choirs!

Free childcare is available during Celebration Singers and Sanctuary Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays – please RSVP at amcqueen@wpcdenver.org. Are you concerned that you or your children are too busy to sing? We will work with your schedule so you can enjoy the music – please email Christine at cgaudreau@wpcdenver.org for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am — Early Service Music Rehearsal
8:45 am — Contemporary Worship
9:45 - 10:45 am — Christian Education
10:00 am — Late Service Music Rehearsal
11:00 am — Traditional Worship

AFTERNOON / EVENING

4:15 - 5:00 pm — Cherub Choir, Children's Choir, Youth Choir
5:00 - 6:00 pm — Middle School Youth Group
6:30 - 7:30 pm — High School Youth Group

Peace and Global Witness – Welcoming the Stranger

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. Please give generously through the envelopes in the pewbacks or specialofferings.pcusa.org/. Half will go to denominational efforts, and half will be used for Wellshire's refugee support efforts.

Drivers Needed

Help the Hunger Task Force with the monthly delivery from Food Bank of the Rockies to The Gathering Place. All that's needed is a pickup truck or SUV that can transport the 500lb order on the third Wednesday of the month. The commitment is just to be on the drivers list and receive an email if you are available to deliver — you can respond with either a yes or a no. If interested, please contact Karen Uhrich at kjuhrich@outlook.com or 720-412-0381. Thank You!

CALENDAR

SEPT 23-25 Women's Retreat
SEPT 30-OCT 2 All Youth Fall Retreat
OCT. 9 Blessing of the Animals
OCT. 30 Spooky Organ Concert

We'd Love to be in Touch!

If this is your first visit or you need to update your contact information, please point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right and fill out the short Visitor Information Form.



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